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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1349–50.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Jack Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

### APPROPRIATIONS: CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine measuring results and proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Daniel H. Ragsdale, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### U.S. CENTRAL, AFRICA, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command,

United States Africa Command, and United States Special Operations Command, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, and General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Darlene J. Costello, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General James M. Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, and Lieutenant General John W. Raymond, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military personnel posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James C. McConville, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army, Vice Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, United States Navy, Lieutenant General Mark A. Brilakis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, and Lieutenant General Gina M. Grosso, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; Kathy Roth-Doquet, Blue Star Families; Joyce W. Raezer, National Military Family Association; Scott Bousum, The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States; and Joseph E. Davis, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on the Federal role, after

receiving testimony from Paul N. Jaenichen, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Rear Admiral James Helis, USMS, Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Surface Transportation Audits, all of the Department of Transportation; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

#### FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine State Department reauthoriza-

tion, focusing on an opportunity to strengthen and streamline United States diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Charles Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Defense Health Program, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and

justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Joseph L. Votel, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense security cooperation and assistance programs and authorities, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings to examine military space threats and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine cooperative federalism, focusing on state perspectives on Environmental Protection Agency regulatory actions and the role of states as co-regulators, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program, S. 1077, to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices, S. 1101, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of